

difficult time for the families. Each one of us, I know, has had the experience of losing someone close to us and we can feel the pain of the tragedy that took place, and we want those families to know that we have not forgotten them and that we will do what we can over the years to see that they are not forgotten.

Friday, in talking with the young sons of "Gibson," as they refer to him, I can only imagine the hurt and pain that those boys 14 and 15 years old must be feeling. I say to all of us, regardless of the role that we play in the Senate or in the House, we are all one big family.

In a sense, there are many families within the family. There is the family of officers and the special grief that they must be experiencing today, as they are required to carry out their duties at a moment in which their minds and hearts must be focused on their lost officers and their families. So I ask everyone, if they would, during this day and the next several days, to pray for those families—for comfort, for love, and for hope.

Again, I can remember a particular time in which my younger brother passed away. I was so angry about his loss; people would come up to me and say, "CONNIE, time will take care, time will heal," and I was so angry I said, "I don't want it to be healed. I don't want time to take care of it. I am angry."

But I hope that the families, especially the children, will deal with those feelings inside, that they will share those thoughts to get them out so they don't carry around that hurt and that pain. We want them to know that we truly love them, that we will miss their fathers, their husbands, and we will try to make the Senate and House and the Capitol a place in which they can be proud.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho is recognized.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, thank you very much.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS JOHN GIBSON AND J.J. CHESTNUT

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, for the past 5 years I have had the

honor of sponsoring the resolution designating National Peace Officers Memorial Day. This year we added the names of 159 officers to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Since the inception of this memorial, 14,662 peace officers have been added to the wall.

Next year, two more names will now be added to the wall. These memorials and others around the Nation serve as proof that the individuals who serve this Nation, as our guardians of peace, do so at great personal risk. There are few communities in America that have not been touched by the senseless death of a peace officer by violent means.

This community of Capitol Hill has been touched by tragedy. On Friday, two of our own, Officers John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut, were felled by an assailant while they performed their duties.

America should know that for all the influence of this city and this place, this is, in some ways, like a small town. We know the people in this community as well as we know the people in our own communities back home. The employees who work here day to day become very familiar faces to those of us who are sent here temporarily by our States.

The Capitol Hill Police have a very special duty and a very special trust. They guard this place, this summit of freedom, this people's house, and keep it safe for the citizens of the world. The Capitol Hill Police perform this duty with an unwavering commitment to our safety. And they are willing, as Officers Gibson and Chestnut proved, to lay down their lives for all of our safety.

John Gibson, who I knew personally—a tremendous professional in every sense of the word. When I saw his photograph in the paper, the difference was every time that I would see John or have a word with him his face always had a smile.

J.J. Chestnut, who worked in one of the entrances to this great building, like so many of our officers, was perceived to be more than just a police officer to the wonderful citizens who come to this magnificent building. I think they sense that instead of just a police officer, they are being greeted by ambassadors in the people's house.

I believe that our Capitol Police Department exemplify the finest in America. I have never heard any statement that any of our police officers have been badge-heavy. I have simply heard great reviews of the professionals who carry the badge of the Capitol Police Department.

I know many of the Capitol Police officers personally. I have listened to stories about their families. I have seen photographs of their kids—just parent talking to parent who share a funny story or observation or simply a good word at the end of the day. But in the end, put most simply, they are here to take care of us.

As we near the end of this century, we are often impelled to observe this country is cynical. It is, I suppose, in the American character to question our condition and bemoan the things that are not now as we remember them to be. But in truth, the sacrifice of these men and their families are akin to the selfless ideal that has made this country great. The bravery and the commitment to community that these men possessed will be carried on by their families.

I have had the honor to meet with the families of slain officers from my home State. The strength and the perseverance that is exemplified by each of them is an inspiration to me.

My thoughts and prayers go out to these families and others who have been devastated by this type of senseless violence. There is no answer to the meaningless violence that occurs, but we must celebrate and memorialize the lives of the officers who serve and protect us.

To the Capitol Hill Police, I would like to simply say, I am sorry for your loss and for our loss because we are family here, to say how proud all of us are of you and to thank you for your service that you give to us each and every day, and to say to the families of Officer Gibson, Officer Chestnut: Your husband, your father, demonstrated service beyond self in the most dramatic way—by sacrificing their lives for our safety, for our freedom.

Our prayers are with John, with Officer Chestnut, with their families, and with the other officers who continue that tradition of being truly some of the finest anywhere in the Nation or the world. You are our friends, you are our guardians, so that we can do our duty here in the Nation's Capitol. God bless these two officers and God bless what they mean to all of us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, it has struck me often in my 10 years here in the Senate that one can look at the life we lead here in different ways. In one sense, in a sense that is most visible, we do the work of the country: We hold hearings, we meet with constituents, we legislate. This is the Congress of the United States.

But in another sense, it has struck me increasingly over the years I have been honored to be here that there is another level of experience in this Capitol, which is that we are, in our own way, a small town of our own. We are a community. Yes, we have the Members of Congress and we have all who serve in our offices so well. We have the officers of both Chambers and those who work to keep these Chambers going. But there is a broader community here that we are all part of. It is the people who keep the buildings in such good repair.

We have doctors, we have nurses, we have clergy people, we have representatives of the media who live in this community with us who cover us. We even

have our own newspapers. And we have police officers. We are a small town in the way that life is lived in so many small towns across America. But we are very different from most any of those small towns in that hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans—indeed, people from all over the world—come and walk through this great citadel of democracy, this great symbol of freedom, peacefully and respectfully, coming through our community.

On Friday, as we all know, one madman disrupted the tranquility of our community and took two of our own, Special Agent John Gibson, Officer Jacob Chestnut. There is a sense of palpable sadness and grief in this Capitol today, a sense of mourning at the loss of these two officers, because they were members of our community. We saw them every day. We exchanged greetings with them. We deeply regret and in some ways, I am sure, feel anger at what happened on Friday to take these two fine men, these two heroes, from us.

As we mourn their loss, I do think it is important for us to remember the extraordinary and unique war that law enforcement officers play in this small town, our little community, the Capitol of the United States, which is similar to the part they play in every other community across America. Think of what happened in those few tragic, jolting moments on Friday afternoon when danger occurred and the sound of bullets resonated through the halls of the Capitol. Most everyone in the Capitol ran for cover, locked their office doors, jumped under tables and desks, got out of the way of danger. But the law enforcement officers, the Capitol Police throughout this Capitol, including these two fallen heroes, rushed to the danger. That is their job, to protect the rest of us. It is an extraordinary difference in a quiet, normal moment on a midsummer Friday afternoon. Suddenly, one madman pierces all of that, and every officer, every Capitol Police officer in our small town, rushes to the danger, rushes to their duty station. These two responded with instinctive but extraordinary, heroic impulses to stop this man, and ultimately did, and save so many lives through their heroism.

Mr. President, I mentioned this just to pay tribute in some small way to Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut, but to remind us how much we owe these people in this small town of ours, and in every city and town across America, and why we ought not to just treat them with a warm hello but feel, as we do today, in some measure every day the gratitude we have to them and express that in the best way we can, which is not only as friends and fellow citizens of our communities, but when we have a chance, as employers, to treat them appropriately and according to the extraordinary responsibilities that they bear in a moment of crisis.

Mr. President, by coincidence this morning, I was reading from Jere-

miah's Book of Lamentations and I read the commentary on Lamentations in which were cited the comments of an ancient rabbi who was interpreting the Psalms, David's Book of Psalms. In dealing with the sadness, the sense of gloom that is so at the heart of the Book of Lamentations, this sage of old, in commenting on Psalms, expressed a thought that is familiar to all religions, which is, "If I had not fallen, I could never have arisen. If I had not sat in darkness, I could never have seen the light of God."

So in this time of deep and heavy darkness for our community here on Capitol Hill, we pray with faith together and the faith that unites us in our community, unites us as faith has always united people in American communities, that Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut are seeing the light of God, that they are being welcomed in the warm embrace of eternal life, greeted as the heroes that they are. We pray, also, that God will grant strength and comfort to their families, to their friends, to their fellow officers in the Capitol Police corps, and in some measure to all of us in this small town, Capitol Hill, who, today, mourn their loss.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

Mr. ROBB addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from Virginia is recognized.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, first, I ask unanimous consent the period for morning business be extended by an additional 15 minutes—I know there is at least one other colleague on the floor and there may be others—so that we might spend a moment in additional tribute to the two officers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I just want to add my voice to those who have already spoken and those who will.

Friday was a difficult day for all of us here as part of the family. That has been more eloquently described than I can describe it both today and elsewhere. Like many of the Members, I happened to be in my office less than 100 yards away from where the shooting took place. I was unaware of the shooting. I heard the sirens and I heard the helicopter when it approached to take the victims to the trauma center. At that point, I tuned in and observed what was happening.

There was a sense on the part of all of us that something very tragic had occurred to members of the family. It wasn't until the names were released that we knew which members of the family had been affected. I realized when the names were ultimately released and saw the pictures that Officer J.J. Chestnut was the person who had been on that post any number of times. Many of us who come and go from the Nation's Capitol late in the evening find that is one of the few doors that is open. So we get to know the people

who are there, and they are always greeting us with a smile.

In truth, I didn't know that I knew or had a relationship with Special Agent Gibson until I found out from my wife and mother-in-law that during a recent visit he had accompanied them throughout a tour of the Capitol, and they had been very grateful for the professional courtesies and kindness that he had extended to them. I found out that he was a resident of Lake Ridge, VA. It just so happens that the other person who was wounded, Angela Dickerson, was a tourist and taking a family on a tour, also happens to be from Chantilly, VA. I noted that J.J. Chestnut was a Vietnam veteran and is going to be accorded full military honors when he is buried Friday in Arlington.

These were very, very special people. The initial feeling among many when we heard that there had been gunfire inside the Capitol was that somehow the security system had broken down. I was relieved and pleased, as I think all of our Members were, to know that in this case the system had actually worked, and it had worked superbly. The men who ultimately gave their lives had done so in precisely the way they were trained to protect the Capitol and all who serve in it. I think that is a testament to the professionalism of the Capitol Police and to all of the members of this extended family.

I didn't go out and talk to the media on Friday, but two down-State reporters came to my office, unsolicited, and I talked to them for a couple of minutes. One asked me, "What should we do?" I said, "I hope we don't do much of anything. We will take a look at the procedures, but we want to keep the people's house as open as we possibly can." I think this is a symbol of democracy, and these two men died in defending that symbol. But we want to be careful not to take the wrong actions.

What we can do, and what we ought to do, is remember to thank those who serve us—whose service we sometimes take for granted. On the way out of the Capitol later that evening, I stopped and thanked the Capitol Police officers who were still on duty. They were still doing their duties professionally, although they were grieving. I happened to go to an engagement that I had that evening and I was late coming back. It didn't conclude until almost midnight. I said, "I want to go back to the Capitol. The midnight shift will have come on now and they are going to take it pretty hard as well." I had a chance to quietly visit with some of the other members of the Capitol Police.

Many of us are trying to find a way to say to those men and women who serve so ably, and sometimes without the recognition that they deserve, that we are grieving with them, that we appreciate what they did, what they continue to do. I suggest to people who might not be a part of the extended family here in the Capitol that all of us feel that if you want to find a way to

express your appreciation, stop your local policeman on the street and say "thank you" because they, too, are providing a kind of service that, in many cases, we end up taking for granted; yet, it is critically important. When the chips are down, these folks respond. And as my distinguished colleague from Connecticut noted a minute ago, when many seek cover, that is the time they put themselves directly in harm's way to ensure that access to our Nation's Capitol and the freedom to move about for all of us who benefit from their services goes uninterrupted.

With that, I will close. I just wanted to say to all of those who continue to serve: Thank you. We don't always remember to say that. To the families of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, in particular, we share your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and to all who serve us in ways too numerous to count, we do appreciate what you have done for us and what you continue to do for us. We will continue to remember the extraordinary service and the ultimate sacrifice that was made by these two fine officers in defense of our Nation's Capitol.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF THE  
SLAIN OFFICERS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I just want to say that all of us in the Capitol have one overriding thought in our minds right now, and that is that our hearts go out to the families of the two officers who were slain in the line of duty last Friday.

All of us were in a different place. But I will never forget where I was when learning this tragic news. I had left the Capitol that morning and had returned home to Texas. I was just stunned. And when I learned that these officers had passed away after their injuries, I was heartsick, as all of us were.

There is no question that the Capitol Police are friends to all of us. When I came into the Capitol this morning and saw the black tape across their badges, it all hit. And I want to say there is not anyone here who has worked with these fine men and women who doesn't appreciate every day the job they do protecting all of us and every visitor to the Capitol.

GOD BLESS J.J. CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I want to take just a moment to join those of my colleagues who have already spoken with respect to our profound shock at the death of Jacob "J.J." Chestnut and John Gibson, two Capitol Police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty on this past Friday, and to express my very heartfelt sympathies to their families.

J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson have been engaged over their working careers in the dedicated mission of protecting the lives of their fellow citizens, literally thousands of people who move in and out of the Capitol Building

each day, those who work here, those who visit here, both our own citizens and from abroad.

As we all know, on Friday, the people's house, the U.S. Capitol, was violated by a gunman. Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson put themselves on the line, as do all law enforcement officials, each and every day, both at work and, since they are committed to law enforcement, even when they are off work, literally all the time, in order to protect the physical well-being—indeed, to protect the freedoms that so many of us have taken for granted.

In its editorial today, Roll Call, which, of course, as we all know, is the newspaper devoted to reporting the activities on Capitol Hill, said this:

Sometimes, given the comparative low level of violence around the Capitol complex and given that Capitol Police officers are usually seen cheerfully directing traffic and gently herding tourists, it's forgotten that ours—

Meaning the Capitol Police Force—is a real police force. We who live and work around the Capitol know—but others don't—that our police also fight crime in the neighborhood as well as watch the Capitol. But now all of America understands that the Capitol Police do not just stand guard, but also stand ready to be heroes. That knowledge was derived last week at heartrending cost.

We call them heroes today, and they truly are, but Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson were also husbands, fathers, grandfathers—already heroes to their wives, to their children and grandchildren, to their other family members, and to their neighbors who respected them not only for their uniforms but for the laws they vowed to uphold and the lives they protected on a daily basis. It is these loving people they leave behind, having given of themselves to protect the lives of others and in defending one of the great symbols of this democratic Nation, perhaps the preeminent symbol of our democratic Nation—the United States Capitol.

Mr. President, may God bless J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson. They are true heroes, and I join with my colleagues in expressing my condolences to their family members.

DEEP SENSE OF SORROW

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I join other colleagues of ours who today, and I hope tomorrow as well, will find time to express their deep sense of sorrow over the loss of two of our Capitol Hill police officers last Friday, as well as to express their sincere condolences to the families and friends of these two very fine officers, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson.

The events of last Friday, July 24, certainly will leave an indelible mark on this community—this Capitol community, if you will—and our Nation. The tragic legacy of this incident will not only be the courage displayed opposing this senseless act of savagery but will also be the premature loss of these two fine, brave men.

J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson were not just courageous officers, they were fine human beings. They were friends of many here and in the House of Representatives. All of us in this Chamber cannot help but take this loss personally, because Officers Chestnut and Gibson worked every day to ensure the safety of each and every one of us in this Capitol Building. I think that every American should look into their hearts and thank these two men for their sacrifices, because they also worked to protect all of those who visit this great Capitol Building, this symbol of democracy, as well as the freedoms which the Capitol represents.

All Americans should give thanks and say a prayer for these two fine men and all of the men and women in uniform throughout our Nation who take that oath to ensure our safety every day. Our police officers are husbands, they are parents and friends, they are neighbors—in many ways, ordinary citizens just like the rest of us. But in one very important way, these individuals are quite extraordinary. Every day when they put on their uniforms, their work clothes, and they say goodbye to their families and go to work, they literally put their lives on the line so that we may enjoy the safety and the freedoms that too often, I think, we take for granted. We describe their actions as heroism, but they simply view them as their duty.

President John Kennedy once said:

The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. A man does what he must—in spite of the personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all morality.

While we will forever remember Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson for their actions on July 24, they deserve our respect and admiration not only for the way they performed their duties on that day but for the way they and those who share a similar uniform carry themselves every day throughout their lives—always working in the service of others, with great courage and character.

It is important that we remember not only those who gave their lives but also express our gratitude to those who are left to carry on their mission.

Officers Chestnut and Gibson's colleagues must put these events behind them and carry on with their everyday lives and continue performing the services that are so important. We are all very grateful for the sacrifices they make every day and the commitment to their communities that these men and women display.

It has been ordered that their bodies will lie in state in the Capitol rotunda tomorrow, the same Capitol where they gave their lives in service to their country. This honor is usually reserved for our Nation's most prominent leaders, Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, and Generals. But I know all of us in this Chamber feel that this is an appropriate tribute to the two men whose commitment to their country

and their community is surpassed by none.

J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson leave behind loving wives and children. I offer my heartfelt condolences to both families and their friends, and, on behalf of this body, I know I speak for all of our colleagues in saying they will long be remembered for their friendship and their courage.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I wish to make a personal comment about the tragedy that occurred in this building on Friday and add my voice to those that have been raised in tribute to the professionalism, the courage, and the compassion of the members of the Capitol Police Force.

I remember, when I first came to Washington as an intern in 1950 as a student from the university, the Capitol Police Force was affectionately referred to as the "campus cops." It was a patronage job, and people who served on the Capitol Police Force in those days were appointed by their Senators. Usually, they were law students who were going to school at George Washington University that taught the entire curriculum at night. So the Capitol Police could earn their way through law school by sitting at their various stations in the Capitol during the daytime and taking their classes at night. One of the more prominent attorneys in Salt Lake City got his law degree that way and said he did all of his studying at his desk as a Capitol policeman and commented, "If I had ever been called upon to draw my weapon, I wouldn't have known what to do. I would have been scared to death if anybody had ever confronted me in my position as a policeman."

That was the situation 40, 45 years ago. The professionalism of those who did draw their weapons and handled them expertly in the crisis that occurred last Friday demonstrates how far we have come and how great a debt those of us who labor here, hopefully doing the people's business, have to those who have produced that kind of professionalism and produced that kind of change from what we once had. It is a sad commentary that we need this kind of professional force and we don't have the kind of society that could get by with "campus cops" of the kind that were here that many years ago, but it is comforting to know, in the face of that need, we have people of the caliber that we do have serve us. I add my voice to those that have been raised in tribute to those who serve us in that capacity.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS CHESTNUT AND GIBSON

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of the two Capitol Hill Police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty Friday afternoon.

Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson were dedicated officers whose deaths are mourned by all of us on Capitol Hill, and by many across America.

A sense of genuine grief grips us as we come to terms with the tragedy

that unfolded in our midst on Friday. At the same time, we stand in awe of the heroism they and other officers displayed in ending a gunman's rampage and saving the lives of innocent citizens.

Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson were committed to the United States, having sworn to protect lawmakers, citizens, and the peace as Capitol Police Officers. While I did not have the honor of knowing them personally, I am truly grateful for their dedication and service—as well as the dedication and service of all who serve as police officers.

As a father of six and grandfather of eleven, I know how important family is. The loss of a son, father, husband, and friend is devastating. My thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Nancy are with those who knew and loved these two quiet heroes.

Officer Gibson has left behind his wife, Evelyn, and three children. While the loss of Officer Gibson as a father and husband is immeasurable, I know his memory will be a source of strength for his family.

Officer Chestnut is survived by his wife, Wen-Ling, and five children: Joseph Chestnut, William Chestnut, Janet Netherly, Janece Graham, and Karen Chestnut. Grief has surely stricken this family and the death of their cornerstone can never be as deeply felt by others, but Officer Chestnut died a hero, protecting his country as he had sworn to do both during his years in the Air Force and as a Capitol Police Officer.

Mrs. Chestnut, Mrs. Gibson—please accept our condolences are prayers. We are all indebted to both your husbands for their dedication and their selfless, heroic acts.

I yield the floor.

#### IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID MCCLLOUD

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about another very tragic incident which took place this last weekend. Yesterday, Lieutenant General David J. McCloud, commander of all the military forces in Alaska, was killed when his YAK-54 stunt plane went down over Fort Richardson. Lewis Cathrow, of Alexandria, Virginia, was also killed in this tragic crash.

I had the pleasure of knowing David McCloud; although not nearly as well as I would have liked. He and his wife Anna came to Alaska this past December, when he took over as commander of the Alaskan command. As some of my colleagues may be aware, this post carries the distinction of being responsible for all of the more than 21,000 active duty and reserve personnel from all branches of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and National Guard in Alaska. But it also means that he is a key member of our community. And, Mr. President, this is how David should be remembered, as a member of our community.

David McCloud died doing what he loved—flying. Before he took the post in Alaska, he told me of his plan to purchase a stunt plane, and how he had flown virtually every type of plane in our Air Force fleet, including the B1-B bomber and most of the fighter models used by our Air Force during the last 30 years.

General McCloud will be sadly missed by many. My deepest condolences go out to his wife, Anna, and to his family and friends. They will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a further request for morning business? If not, morning business is closed.

#### CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACCESS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 1151, the Credit Union Membership Access Act, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1151) to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purpose of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight of insured credit unions, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Gramm amendment No. 3336, to strike provisions requiring credit unions to use the funds of credit union members to serve persons not members of the credit union.

Mr. HAGEL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3337

(Purpose: To amend the bill with respect to limits on member business loans, the definition of a member business loan, and experience requirements for member business lending)

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAMS, proposes an amendment numbered 3337.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 54, strike lines 12 through 21 and insert the following: